THE CASE

Of the Brickmakers and Bricklayers within the City of *London* and fifteen Miles thereof, who have conformed to the Act of the 12th of the late King for preventing Abuſes in making Bricks, &c.

BY that Act ſeveral Directions are given for making Bricks and Tyles for Sale, and particularly *Spaniſh* is prohibited, and the Dimenſions are aſcertained, and the Maſter and Wardens of the Bricklayers Company, or Searchers by them appointed, are (for better diſcovering Offenders) to ſearch Bricks and Brick Earth within fifteen Miles of *London*, and the Maſter and Wardens alone are to fine the Offenders 20*s.* *per* 1000 for Bricks, and 10*s.* *per* 1000 for Pantyles, and recover thoſe Penalties to their own Uſe.

YET divers Brickmakers and Bricklayers, Members of the Bricklayers Company, and others (to enable themſelves to underſell the fair Traders who regard the Directions of the Act) have continued to make Bricks with *Spaniſh* and otherwiſe as formerly, ſome of them without any Pretence of Evaſion; but others indeed under Colour of contracting for Bricks before made, or ſelling their Earth to others and then making it into Bricks for them; the Act being confined to Bricks to be made for Sale.

THE Maſter and Wardens have fined ſeveral Offenders (for very large Numbers of Bricks) 3 or 400*l.* apiece, and yet compounded the ſame for very ſmall Sums, having taken but 30*l.* (for a Fine of 600*l.*) of one who has made upwards of 3,000,000 of Bricks contrary, and none purſuant to the Act; and have apply'd to, and (for leſs Sums) permitted, others to ſell Bricks made for their own Uſe with *Spaniſh*, and under Size, &c.

AND though divers Brickmakers (who have entirely conform'd to the Act, and been exceedingly damag'd by theſe Abuſes) have applied to the Maſter and Wardens to prevent the ſame, and levy the Penalties to deter others, yet they have refuſed to ſue any Offenders, or levy any Penalty.

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